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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 3201 SENT ACTION DEA WASHDC PARIS
INFO THE HAGUE VIENNA SOFIA FRANKFURT MUNICH HAMBURG SECSTATE
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POSTS FOR DEA; PARIS DEA FOR RIU; FRANKFURT FOR BKA
LIAISON; WASHDC HQS. FOR ENOM/IG FROM SAIC CASH;
AMEMBASSY SOFIA FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: GFXA-75-8007 (GERMANY)

1. AT THE 31ST MEETING OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP
ON NARCOTICS (2/16/77 - 2/17/77), CHAIRED BY THE WEST
GERMAN FEDERAL POLICE, BKA, IN WIESBADEN, GERMANY,

POLICE OFFICIALS OBSERVED THAT A "HEROIN WAVE" HAD
DEVELOPED IN GERMANY DURING 1976. IN SUPPORT OF THIS
FINDING, BKA NOTED WITH CONCERN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS
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CONTRIBUTED TO MISUSE OF NARCOTICS, PRIMARILY HEROIN,
DURING 1976, AND GAVE A FINAL FIGURE OF 325 DEATHS
ATTRIBUTED TO NARCOTICS. (FOR THE SAME YEAR, BY COMPARI-
SON, FRANCE REPORTED 59 OVERDOSE DEATHS UP FROM 37 IN
1975.)

2. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS FOR NARCOTIC-RELATED DEATHS

WERE CITED:

1972 - 104
1973 - 104
1974 - 139
1975 - 188
1976 - 325

BKA NOTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS WERE IN THE 18 TO 25 YEAR AGE RANGE.

3. AVAILABILITY OF A HEROIN SUPPLY, READILY PRESENT IN THE NEIGHBORING NETHERLANDS, WAS CITED AS AN ATTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE GERMAN PROBLEM. IN THE 1976 REPORTING YEAR, 1,207 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED ON THE BORDERS OF GERMANY IN POSSESSION OF HEROIN AS COMPARED TO 645 ARRESTS IN 1975. THIS, SAY GERMAN POLICE, NOT ONLY INDICATED A HIGHER SUPPLY AVAILABILITY, BUT ALSO INDICATED THAT IN GERMANY HEROIN DEALING WAS LESS, AS A RESULT OF A VIRTUAL "ANT ARMY" OF USERS TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY FOR THEIR HEROIN SUPPLY.

4. FIVE-YEAR HEROIN SEIZURE STATISTICS WERE REVIEWED AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE IMPACT OF HEROIN IN GERMANY DURING 1976, I.E.:

1972 - 3.7 KILOS
1973 - 15.4 KILOS
1974 - 33.0 KILOS
1975 - 30.9 KILOS
1976 - 167.0 KILOS

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5. CANNABIS PRODUCTS, PRIMARILY HASHISH, WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE MAJOR DRUG OF ABUSE IN GERMANY. SOURCE COUNTRIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, LEBANON, TURKEY AND MOROCCO. MARIJUANA SOURCE COUNTRIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS GHANA AND NIGERIA. BKA NOTED A DECLINE IN LARGE CANNABIS SEIZURES SINCE 1974, NOTING THAT SMUGGLERS CHANGED THEIR METHODS WHEN THE INCREASED ENFORCEMENT EFFORT BECAME EFFECTIVE ON A PARTICULAR MEANS OF SMUGGLING. ADDITIONALLY, GERMAN AUTHORITIES CREDITED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS LESSENING THE GERMAN SUPPLY.

6. SPECIFICALLY CITED WERE BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. BKA STATED THAT IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1976, IN 61 CASES YUGOSLAVIAN AUTHORITIES SEIZED 2,900 KILOS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS BOUND FOR GERMANY, WHILE IN BULGARIA DURING THE SAME PERIOD, IN 37 CASES 4,284 KILOS WERE SEIZED, ALSO ALLEGEDLY BOUND FOR GERMANY. IN FOREIGN

COUNTRIES IN 1976, 1,100 GERMAN CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED
WITH THE FOLLOWING TOTAL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS SEIZED IN
THEIR POSSESSION:

HEROIN - 5 KILOS

OPIUM - 40 KILOS

CANNABIS - 2,332 KILOS

7. NARCOTIC ARRESTS FOR 1976 TOTALED 31,363 VS. 27,777
FOR 1975, CONSTITUTING AN INCREASE OF 12.9 PERCENT.
81.9 PERCENT OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE GERMAN NATIONALS.
FOREIGNERS, AND THOSE WITHOUT STATEHOOD, ACCOUNTED TO
17 PERCENT OF THOSE ARRESTED, A DECREASE FROM 1975
FIGURES E.G. 19.2 PERCENT.

8. BROKEN OUT AS A SEPARATE CLASS WERE NATIONALS OF
MILITARY FORCES STATIONED IN GERMANY. ARRESTS OF
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MILITARY FORCES PERSONNEL IN NARCOTIC INVE-
STIGATIONS TOTALED 2,256 OR 7.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL
ARRESTS. THIS IS A DECREASE IN THIS CLASS, AS IN 1975
ARRESTS TOTALED 2,387 OR 8.6 PERCENT.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONTROLLED DRUGS MISUSE AND
FURTHER DATA ON TYPE AND CLASS OF OFFENDERS FOLLOWS
BY DEA-6.

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